Mountain Weather Forecast

Brecon Beacons National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 15 Jan 2023 until 23:59 on Monday 16 Jan 2023

Forecast Issued on Saturday 14 Jan 2023 at 16:34

Confidence: High confidence for a wintry, cold spell of weather with snow showers and overnight frosts, northerly winds will strengthen at times to enhance the windchill. Lower confidence for a change to milder conditions by the end of the week. Also lower confidence in the timing of snow and sleet clearing south on Sunday morning.

Headline for Sunday 15 Jan 2023: Frequent wintry showers will ease for a time in the middle of the day, but further showers later, winds easing gradually, severe windchill effect.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 15 Jan 2023

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light snow showers (night)	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Sunny intervals	Sleet showers	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability							
50%	60%	60%	60%	20%	30%	30%	30%

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Weather: A band of wintry weather will spread south during the early hours with blizzard conditions at times on the welsh mountain summits, wintry conditions are expected above 600m, severe gales are also likely adding to the severe wind chill. Conditions will improve during the morning with winds easing but still remaining fresh throughout the day. Showers will come and go throughout the day, wintry above 700m, but also some bright or sunny spells around lunchtime before further showers. Cloud thickening during the afternoon with a risk of further wintry showers in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 30% improving to 80% as wintry precipitation clears east, decreasing to 60% in the evening with further showers.

Low cloud and visibility: For the early part of the day overcast layers of cloud above 300m can be expected but cloud will thin and lift in the morning with mostly clear tops from lunchtime. Visibility will be very poor in the morning but becoming good by lunchtime with far reaching views likely. Further low cloud will come and go during the afternoon with layers above 500m. Whiteout conditions can be expected on the higher mountains in the early morning and even in the afternoon there may be temporary whiteouts as showers move through.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	28/37 W	31/42 W	33/44 W	24/32 W	17/23 W	14/20 W	14/20 SW	10/15 SW	7/10 NW
300	15/32 W	18/38 W	20/41 W	14/29 W	10/21 W	9/18 SW	7/17 SW	6/12 SW	4/7 NW
Valley	13/29 W	16/37 W	19/41 W	13/28 W	10/22 W	8/17 W	6/16 SW	5/11 SW	3/6 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	-1/-9	0/-8	0/-8	0/-7	2/-4	1/-4	0/-5	0/-4	-0/-4
300	2/-4	2/-3	3/-3	2/-3	4/0	4/0	2/-1	2/-1	1/-1
Valley	2/-2	3/-2	3/-2	2/-2	5/1	5/2	3/0	2/-0	1/-1
Freezing Level*	400m	600m	600m	500m	800m	700m	700m	500m	500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

Extreme wintry conditions early in the day on Sunday but with winds easing during the morning an improvement is expected. Bitterly cold in the strong winds. Notice that freezing level does lift towards the summits for much of the day before lowering again on Sunday night. Higher roads may be impacted by snowfall at times.

Recent rainfall: measured at Neuadd: altitude 353m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
15:00 on Sat 14 Jan 2023	35.2mm	37.6mm	98.2mm

Forecast for Monday 16 Jan 2023

Weather: The risk of a few wintry showers in the early hours but otherwise mainly dry with a lot of bright weather and sunny spells, perhaps some early mist and fog patches in prone spots. More in the way of cloud later in the afternoon and a few snow flurries down to low levels. Remaining very cold with a considerable windchill.

Maximum wind: North 20-25mph decreasing 10-15mph later.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 600m: 90%, perhaps some patches of lower cloud in the morning.

Low cloud and visibility: A few patches of cloud around 600m during the morning otherwise cloud bases above all the mountain tops. Visibility may be moderate to start the day but becoming very good thought daylight hours, perhaps dipping in any snow flurries temporarily.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 2 rising to plus 2 Celsius.
At 600m: Minus 3 Celsius.
Freezing level: 400m falling to the surface.

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